

<b>MILL ROAD HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>																							
<b>DATE</b>	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup> 2019</b>																						
<b>Present</b>	<p><u>From current Committee</u>  Allan Brigham  Ila Chandavarkar  Jo Costin  Simon Middleton  Lucy Walker ( <i>Chair</i> )  Caro Wilson ( <i>Secretary</i> )</p> <p>Some 43 people attended. The following attendees gave consent for their name to be recorded in the minutes:</p> <table border="1"> <tbody> <tr><td>Ruth Hatch</td><td>Judith Chisolm</td></tr> <tr><td>Mary Garratt</td><td>Valerie Neal</td></tr> <tr><td>Nicky Morland</td><td>Leah Moors</td></tr> <tr><td>Piete Brooks</td><td>Sophie Smiley</td></tr> <tr><td>Maria Haynes</td><td>Dodie Carter</td></tr> <tr><td>Helen Weinstein</td><td>Kasia Pluter</td></tr> <tr><td>Jane Shoesmith</td><td>Sue Long</td></tr> <tr><td>Jane Unsworth</td><td>Mary Naylor</td></tr> <tr><td>Maddy Hadley</td><td>Andrew Coombe</td></tr> <tr><td>Anthony Carpen</td><td>Charlotte Tordoff</td></tr> <tr><td>Maggie Kalenak</td><td>Anitahporter@aol.com</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Ruth Hatch	Judith Chisolm	Mary Garratt	Valerie Neal	Nicky Morland	Leah Moors	Piete Brooks	Sophie Smiley	Maria Haynes	Dodie Carter	Helen Weinstein	Kasia Pluter	Jane Shoesmith	Sue Long	Jane Unsworth	Mary Naylor	Maddy Hadley	Andrew Coombe	Anthony Carpen	Charlotte Tordoff	Maggie Kalenak	Anitahporter@aol.com
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<b>Apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Julia Ewans, Emma Bonsall and Liz Simlet.																						
<b>1.Minutes</b>	The minutes of the General Meeting on 8.05.18 were accepted. There were no matters arising																						
<b>2. Chair</b>	<p>Lucy Walker as Chair presented her report. Some of the most important points were as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mill Road History Society is an active society which regularly responds to requests for tours or talks from schools, sixth form colleges and from Anglia Ruskin</li> <li>• We are also delighted to participate in Open Cambridge and the Festival of Ideas.</li> <li>• We sometimes receive peoples' memories of Mill Road and seek to post them to <a href="http://www.capturingcambridge.org.uk">www.capturingcambridge.org.uk</a> but we are also concerned where possible to capture the present</li> </ul>																						

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We were pleased to have a considerable input to a recent article in CAM magazine, and wondered whether its title was directly inspired by our last Festival of Ideas event.</li> <li>• Whilst not a lobbying organisation MRHS does take note of planning matters especially where the future of the built heritage is at stake and does comment from the standpoint of its expertise.</li> <li>• Mill Road is integral to the social and economic fabric of modern, urban Cambridge and it is important that we record it's presence, together with the lives of people who lived here - using archives and current memories to record histories and stories - so that the evidence can be brought to light, sifted, interrogated and enjoyed.</li> <li>• 20 reports have been written so far. All owe much to the County Archives and to the Cambridgeshire Collection, and the Chair paid tribute to these two organisations</li> <li>• the Chair thanked all the authors and paid special tribute to Ian Bent for all his skilled editing, and for the help and encouragement he gave to everyone</li> <li>• Two further reports are nearly ready for publication: Sheila Cane's History of 186 Gwydir St, and Alan Brigham's report on the History of the Depot Site. These will be published online but a printed copy of each will be donated to the Cambridgeshire Collection.</li> <li>• Lucy concluded her report by thanking the committee and also all who supported our work by coming to events or in other ways</li> </ul>
<b>3.Treasurer</b>	<p>Ila Chandavakar presented the accounts on behalf of the Treasurer, Julia Ewans who could not be present. The accounts are filed with these minutes. Main points raised were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income was down from last year because we had had lower attendance at events. The Committee was considering how best to address this</li> <li>• Expenditure was much the same though we had trialled printing two editions of the brochure, and had also printed more building reports</li> <li>• A deficit of £815 was covered by money brought forward.</li> </ul> <p>Ila Chandavarkar and the Treasurer was warmly thanked by the Chair.</p>
<b>5. Election of 2017-18 Committee</b>	<p>Current Committee members are all prepared to stand again. The meeting ratified their election.</p> <p>The 2019-20 Committee is thus:</p> <p>Allan Brigham  Emma Bonsall  Ila Chandavarkar  Jo Costin  Julia Ewans (<i>Treasurer</i>)  Simon Middleton  Lucy Walker (<i>Chair</i>)  Caro Wilson (<i>Secretary</i>)</p>

**6. AOB**

- Ian Bent alerted any would-be authors to the How to Write a Building Report piece on [www.capturingcambridge.org.uk](http://www.capturingcambridge.org.uk) website
- Allan Brigham reminded everyone that the granting to the Mill Road History Project of a Heritage Lottery Grant was a testament to the importance of Mill Road to the history of Cambridge. He encouraged everyone to help the Society by 'being history detectives' and adding to our knowledge. He reminded everyone that there are costs in running organisations such as MRHS, and encouraged everyone to help increase footfall at events etc
- Helen Weinstein outlined the ways she is encouraging local residents to undertake local history research and said she would like to work with MRHS on a Blue Plaque project.